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For: METHOD OF INHIBITING OSTEOCLAST ACTIVITY

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendment into the application:

Please amend the paragraph between the Title and the Technical Field of the Invention to read as follows:

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This application is a continuation of PCT/US99/10588, filed May 13, 1999, which claims the benefit of priority from U.S. provisional applications 60/085,487, filed May 14, 1998, and 60/110,836, filed December 3, 1998, and is a continuation-in-part of United States patent application 08/996,139 (now U.S. 6,017,729), filed December 22, 1997, which claims the benefit of priority from U.S. provisional applications 60/064,671, filed October 14, 1997; 60/077,181, filed March 7, 1997; and 60/059,978, filed December 23, 1996.

REMARKS

This amendment is to correct an inadvertent typographical error that occurred due to two numbers being transposed in the recitation of one of the priority applications, namely, serial number 08/996,139 was incorrectly cited as 08/966,139.

Respectfully submitted,

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